

Russian Baptist groups begin reconciliation

PITTSBURGH (BP)—Two major Baptist groups in the Soviet Union have taken an important first step toward reconciliation, the general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, (BWA) has announced.

Gerhard Claas of Washington, D. C., just back from a meeting in Moscow, said 20 representatives of the Autonomous Brethren accepted an invitation to meet with BWA and European Baptist Federation officials and with 10 members of the presidium of the All-Union Council. The council is the government-recognized organization for five evangelical denominations, including Baptists.

The Autonomous Brethren, who also call themselves the Separatist Brethren because they have chosen to leave dissident Baptist ranks and register with the government, knelt together and were reconciled around the communion table, Claas reported.

One representative of the dissidents, whose former chief, Georgi Vins, now lives in the United States, participated in the meeting as an observer, he said.

Claas cautioned there is still "a long way to go, but this is a very important first step—a great step forward."

Nobody knows the exact number of evangelicals or Baptists in the Soviet Union today, Claas explained, because it was 20 years ago that official registration occurred, and the government refuses to acknowledge that evangelicals have continued to grow.

But some estimates range upward to 4.5 million evangelicals, about 2.5 million of these Baptists, he said.

The All-Union Council is officially listed with about a half million members.

Claas said about 10,000 to 15,000 Soviet citizens are believed to be members of the 64 churches which decided sometime back to withdraw from Vins' Church Council of Evangelical Baptists and register. About an equal number apparently are still in the council, which Vins formerly headed.

Claas said Vins' former church is among the 64 which now have registered with the government.

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SBC wrapup

Messengers fund building, defer Canada, okay Vegas

By Tim Nicholas

Messengers to the 1983 Southern Baptist Convention in Pittsburgh voted to fund an \$8 million Baptist Building to replace the one currently in use in Nashville, voted to take the convention to Las Vegas in 1989, and deferred action on adding Canadians to SBC membership.

Few of the events speculated on prior to the convention June 14-16 actually occurred.

Messengers, who totaled more than 13,000, voted to go to Las Vegas for convention in 1989, though that was opposed by many before and during convention time this year. And a move to seat Canadian messengers was deferred till the 1984 convention in Kansas City.

Challenges to the report of the Committee on Boards, Agencies, and Commissions were defeated despite rumors of opposition and attempts to substitute nominees.

Attempts to change certain funding proposals were either defeated on the floor or were never brought up. This included the possibility of messengers reintroducing a resolution on Israel defeated last year.

Perhaps the only pre-convention rumors which proved true concerned the re-election of President Jimmy Draper and First Vice-President John Sullivan and the predictability of Southern Baptists' ability to reach consensus on great numbers of potentially divisive issues.

Those issues included the ordination of women, church and state matters, "freedom and responsibility in Southern Baptist seminaries," nuclear disarmament, and abortion. Some of these issues surfaced during debate of resolutions. Though abortion was raised in proposed resolutions, the Resolutions Committee reported that it would not present any resolutions rehashing recent resolutions, dealing with individual personalities, invading the autonomy of local churches, or dealing with political matters in other countries which would jeopardize the work of foreign missionaries. The presumption is that the resolutions committee would have turned down the reintroduction of the Israel resolution which was turned aside in 1982.

SBC messengers have passed resolutions concerning abortion several times in recent years, opposing abortion on demand in 1982. And though resolutions were presented, but not acted on by the Resolutions Committee, commending former Southern Seminary Professor Dale Moody and commending the seminary trustees for their handling of the Moody issue, messengers did pass a resolution which called for all seminary faculty members to "function with both freedom and responsibility and to fulfill their covenant responsibilities of doctrinal integrity to the seminary..."

A resolution which ended with an encouragement for "all Southern Baptists to continue to explore further opportunities of service for Baptist women, to ensure maximum utilization of all God-called servants of our Lord Jesus Christ," survived amending which would have commented on ordination.

Joyce (Mrs. Adrian) Rogers of Bellevue Church, Memphis, wanted to add that the resolution "not be interpreted as endorsing the ordination of women." Dianne Wisemiller an ordained pastor of National Baptist Memorial Church in Washington, D.C., opposed that amendment, saying it infringed on the autonomy of the

local church and the priesthood of all believers and that ordination is a local church issue. The amendment failed by a 49.21-50.79 percent difference on balloting.

The nuclear disarmament resolution called for "a program of mutually verifiable nuclear disarmament" with defeat of an amendment calling for immediate freeze on development and deployment of new nuclear weapons. And messengers passed a resolution opposing "the use of public monies for religious institutions and all unwarranted attempts by government to define 'church.'" Attempts by Wayne Allen of Tennessee, to amend the resolution to include opposition to defining tax exempt status as federal aid, and by Russell Kaemmerling of Texas to indefinitely postpone the resolution, both were defeated.

Jimmy Draper, pastor of First Church, Euless, Tex., was re-elected to a second one-year term of office by acclamation, as was John Sullivan, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church, (Continued on page 4)

'83 Lottie Moon offering lowered

By Beth Wildes

PITTSBURGH (BP)—Woman's Missionary Union's Executive Board voted to lower the 1983 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions national goal from \$66 million to \$60 million during its June meeting.

The vote came less than two weeks after the books closed on the 1982 offering, which fell short of its \$58 million goal by almost \$4 million.

"This is a matter Southern Baptists need to be concerned about," said Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of WMU, SBC.

"It's a matter of fiscal concern for the Foreign Mission Board since they budgeted the entire 1983 goal."

The offering provides about half of the FMB's yearly budget. National goals are set by the WMU Executive Board in consultation with FMB staff.

Weatherford noted that 83.2 percent of the 1982 goal was reached. This marked a 6.48 percent increase over the amount given in 1981, the smallest percentage increase since 1974.

"This is a sad time for our board," Weatherford said. "The only other time in recent history that the goal was changed was in 1975, and that was because Southern Baptists' gifts to

foreign missions through the offering surpassed the 1975 goal."

In other action, the board voted to expand the number of national staff positions to 132, which will mean a net gain of five new employees. The expansion comes in connection with a major reorganization that will go into effect June 27.

Weatherford announced that Evelyn Blount, national enlargement plan director for WMU, SBC, will assume the position of program development specialist Oct. 1. Blount has directed the national enlargement plan since it was launched in March 1981. The plan, which will end Sept. 30, resulted in new WMU organizations in 2,311 churches.

The board also voted to grant \$2,500 for WMU enlargement in Europe. Funds will allow Virginia Wood of Frankfurt, Germany, president of the WMU of the European Baptist Convention, to travel to approximately 12 English-speaking churches in Europe to work with pastors in starting new WMU organizations. The fund also will provide free printed materials.

(Beth Wildes public information director for WMU, has resigned to do free lance editorial work.)

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Pastors' Conference votes Charles Stanley president

PITTSBURGH—Charles Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, was elected president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference last week during the annual meeting.

Stanley, chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention's Committee on Boards, was chosen without opposition. He succeeds Fred H. Wolfe, pastor of Cottage Hill Baptist Church, Mobile.

Fred Lowery, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bossier City, La., was named vice president and Fred Powell, pastor of Pisgah Baptist Church, Excelsior Springs, Mo., secretary-treasurer.

Two of the men elected officers of the Pastors' Conference were among featured speakers during the pre-SBC preaching program. Stanley told fellow pastors they need to develop the ability to "sit before the Lord."

"If we are too busy to give him our undivided attention in worship and praise, not only are our priorities misplaced, but we have missed the whole point of our relationship and our call,"

said Stanley.

Stanley outlined the rewards of sitting before the Lord as changing one's perspective, dissipating pressure, vanquishing anxiety, creating a positive attitude, developing personal intimacy, a purifying process, a passion to obey, and power to serve. "If you will begin 'sitting before the Lord' with expectation, reviewing the grace of God in your past, reflecting upon his greatness and power towards you, recalling his precious promises to you—the rewards will be yours to enjoy," said Stanley.

Lowery, elected secretary-treasurer of the group, warned pastors against becoming so absorbed in their church work that they neglect their families. Noting that ministers now have the third highest divorce rate, Lowery observed: "Heaven must be embarrassed and ashamed."

Lowery called marriage a divine institution and a divine plan. Declaring that marriage is a lifetime commitment (Continued on page 5)



Fred Powell, Charles Stanley, and Fred Lowery are the new Pastors' Conference officers.

Full power affiliate for ACTS is launched

GREENVILLE, N. C. (BP)—The nation's first full-power television station affiliated with American Christian Television System, (ACTS) was launched during an official signing ceremony at Memorial Baptist Church June 8.

Ownership of a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) construction permit for a new UHF television station in Greenville was transferred to ACTS of Eastern North Carolina, Inc., during an hour-long service of hymn singing, prayers, and speeches at the church where the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina was founded in 1830.

ACTS of Eastern North Carolina is a non-profit organization operated by 14 trustees who will oversee operation of the station.

All of the trustees are residents of the eastern North Carolina. The station is not related to the state Baptist convention although the trustees are Baptist pastors and laymen.

More than 350 people watched as officials of EL-COM, Inc., a Jacksonville, N. C., corporation, signed over the right to build a station in Greenville to the ACTS affiliate.

An FCC construction permit entitles the holder to begin building the physical plant and transmitting tower for a new station.

Tommy J. Payne, trustee chairman of ACTS of Eastern North Carolina, said plans call for the station to begin broadcasting next spring. The construction process will cost \$3.5 million with an annual operating cost of about \$900,000, he said.

Payne, a former trustee chairman of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, said funds for the station's construction and operation will be raised through interested individuals and the 500 Southern Baptist churches in the area served by the station.

The ACTS affiliate station, channel 14, will broadcast from the Atlantic coast to eastern Wake County, a distance of almost 100 miles. The station construction permit allows for a five million watt transmitting tower—the maximum power allowed by the FCC.

Payne said the station will broadcast programming from ACTS along with other programming from local sources and other satellites. Spencet (Continued on page 3)



Messengers to the annual meeting of the SBC in Pittsburgh re-elected, from left, President James T. Draper Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Texas, and First Vice President John Sullivan, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., and elected Pittsburgh layman C. Edward Price as second vice president for the coming year.

SBC declines to comment on ordination of women

The issue of women's ordination surfaced at the Southern Baptist Convention, but messengers refused to make it a convention decision.

By a narrow margin they turned down an attempt by the wife of a former convention president to amend a resolution on women. The resolution was then approved with no mention of women's ordination.

Joyce Rogers, wife of Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., a former convention president, tried to add these words at the end of the resolution:

"Be it finally resolved this resolution should not be interpreted as endorsing the ordination of women."

Mrs. Rogers was opposed by a woman pastor, Dianne Wisemiller, one of four pastors at National Baptist Memorial Church, Washington, D. C., on the grounds that such questions as women's ordination for the pastorate should be left to the local church to decide.

After Wisemiller attempted to amend Mrs. Rogers' amendment, a convention parliamentarian ruled the Wisemiller amendment out of order. A standing vote was taken on Mrs. Rogers' amendment; and President Jimmy Draper ruled the amendment had lost.

A request was made for a ballot vote, and the amendment lost 1,841 to 1,784. Discussion of the resolution on the role of women consumed more than an hour.

After the results were announced on the ballot on Mrs. Rogers' amendment, Wisemiller stepped to the platform microphone and moved for a vote on the original motion without amendments.

Mrs. Rogers' husband challenged Wisemiller's efforts to make such a motion. He said the vote had been

"right down the middle" and that Wisemiller had no right to make the motion because she had earlier attempted to amend his wife's amendment.

He was greeted from the floor by numerous calls of being out of order. Then Draper, with the advice of parliamentarians, ruled that Wisemiller's motion was not debatable, that she had a right to call for the question, and that Rogers was out of order.

The messengers approved the resolution by a sizeable majority.

As approved, the resolution expressed gratitude for contributions made by women in various forms of ministry, and paid tribute to homemakers. It also called on employers, including Southern Baptist churches, institutions, and agencies, "to seek fairness for women in compensation, benefits, and opportunities for advancement."

Although it contained no reference to ordination, the resolution encouraged "all Southern Baptists to continue to explore further opportunities of service for Baptist women, to ensure maximum utilization of all God-called servants of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Attempts were also made to amend a resolution on the Reader's Digest Bible. The resolution generally frowned on the Digest's attempts to condense the Bible, but did commend the Digest "for promoting the word of God..." Attempts to strike this commendation from the resolution failed, and the resolution passed: The resolution said all of the Bible is the inspired word of God and "we disapprove the deletion of any of it in a condensation."

Several messengers spoke of the value that such an abbreviated version could have in stimulating interest in the Bible.

This resolution originally was presented (Continued on page 3)

Woman's Missionary Union works on bridge building

By Bob Stanley

PITTSBURGH—In this city of bridges, the Southern Baptist Women's Missionary Union built a bridge of its own.

But it was a bridge spanning the years, not one of the three rivers for which this Steel City is famous.

About 1,800 attending the annual meeting of the SBC women's auxiliary took a look at the past through the premiere of a new Lottie Moon film and a missions awareness drama honoring the father of cooperative Baptist work in this country, Luther Rice.

But they also faced up to some hard realities of today's economic trauma as it affects missions and the people of their churches—and received challenges to enlarge the scope of their missionary and prayer support efforts in the future.

The WMU had chosen the theme "Building Bridges" for the session marking its 95th year. With an artist's rendition of a bridge trestle overhead, speakers took participants across the bridges of new work, giving, and mission action.

And in the concluding session at the Stanley Theatre a few blocks away, an audience of Southern Baptists viewed "Journey Home: Lottie Moon of China," as speakers explored the bridge of unity.

In the president's message, Dorothy Sample of Flint, Mich., said Southern Baptists need unity because of the "mission need" of the world because Southern Baptists have the strategy—Bold Mission Thrust—for winning the world, and because "it is our responsibility before God to take his love to the world."

"We must be united behind missions," she summarized. Gerhard Claas, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, told his audience, "The Baptists around the world are linked by their personal faith in Jesus Christ." They applauded when he told them that Baptists in the Soviet Union have opened 82 new churches in the past 18 months.

Earlier in the day, a rousing performance of "A Call to My People," presented by Eastside Baptist Church (Continued on page 4)

Editorials

by don mcgregor

Harmony at the SBC

As Southern Baptist Conventions go, the one just past that was held in Pittsburgh was about as smooth as any and much smoother than some. Actually, it seemed to me that decisions were handled more objectively and with less emotion than I can remember, and this was my 24th straight Southern Baptist Convention.

The story of the convention has to be told in the framework of the efforts of convention president Jimmy Draper. Evidently, he spent a great deal of energy and time defusing potentially explosive issues before the convention began. Not only was he willing to take the time to defuse the explosives, he also had the ability to do so.

Before the convention there was the threat that a resolution supporting Israel that was tabled last year would be submitted again this year. It wasn't.

Before the convention there was an indication that there would be an attempt to defund the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. There was no such attempt.

Before the convention there were fears that there would be an attempt to chastise Southern Seminary for keeping Dale Moody on the payroll. There was no such effort.

The collective sigh of relief in Pittsburgh was almost an audible one. As the flash points ticked by without efforts to bring these issues before the convention, the messengers became more and more relaxed. Soon everyone was enjoying the convention more than has been apparent in the past several years, and a trip that had not been anticipated joyfully on the part of many became a very pleasant experience for just about everyone.

Messengers began to comment with obvious relief about how calm the convention was, and they began to enjoy the beautiful setting that Pittsburgh provided.

Most Southerners had expected to find a dirty, smoke-covered city popu-

lated by cold-natured citizens. Instead they visited a lovely, clean, aggressive city filled with friendly people who went out of their way to be nice and helpful. The expected complaints about housing circumstances never gathered enough steam to surface.

Draper worked hard for a smooth convention, and he got it. He continued to work hard as he presided over the convention sessions. He appealed often to the parliamentarians, Jack Johnson, Arizona executive director, and James Semple, Paris, Texas, pastor, and the chairman of the committee on order of business, Bruce McIver, Dallas pastor, to be sure he was on track or to make a correction if he got off. The same held true for the two vice-presidents, first vice-president John Sullivan, Shreveport pastor, and second vice-president Gene Garrison, Oklahoma City pastor.

The question that remains unanswered is whether the objectivity that was found in the deliberations of the messengers represented an effort on the part of the messengers to make it that way or the possibility that the forces that had injected the emotional factors in the past few years backed off because they felt no need for such this year?

Regardless, it was comforting to observe a convention during which the messengers were making objective evaluations on the issues and voting their convictions accordingly.

The convention was not without its moments of discussion. Except for one or two brief flare-ups, however, the discussion was carried on in a good spirit.

As was to be expected, most of the discussion revolved around the resolutions. While they are not binding, they do create a lot of attention. The greatest amount of discussion came as messengers wrestled with their concept of the role of women in religion and with the concept of the Reader's

Digest Bible, which was condensed from the Revised Standard Version.

Mrs. Adrian Rogers of Memphis led an attempt to amend a resolution on women that would have added in the statement that the resolution did not condone the ordination of women. An ordained minister, Dianne Wisemiller of Washington, D.C., took the opposite side and presented a proposed amendment that was ruled out of order. By the thinnest of margins in a ballot vote, Mrs. Rogers' amendment was defeated; and Wisemiller moved the closing of debate, which motion is not debatable. Adrian Rogers came to the platform to protest, saying the original resolution had not been debated, but was called out of order by many from the floor and subsequently ruled out of order by Draper. The motion to close debate passed handily as did the resolution.

The resolution on the Reader's Digest Bible was submitted by Michael O'Brien, pastor of First Church, Lexington. He did not enter into the discussion, which revolved around a rewritten version by the resolution is committee. His original resolution is to be found with the resolutions story. While O'Brien's version simply condemned Reader's Digest for eliminating 40 percent of the Bible in the condensed version, the rewritten resolution commended Reader's Digest for promoting Bible reading before it also condemned the publication for presenting a less than complete Bible. The resolution passed as rewritten, but some amount of discussion evolved. O'Brien submitted the same sort of resolution at the Mississippi Baptist Convention in November, but the resolutions committee asked that the convention take no action on it, and the convention concurred.

So the convention was not without its differences of opinion. Those differences seemed to be handled with ob-

jectivity and dispatch, however, both on the part of the messengers and on the part of the presiding officers.

When that happens one can feel that it was a good convention.

Both Draper's president's address and the convention sermon by James Pleitz of Dallas were well received. Joel Gregory, Southwestern Seminary professor, delivered the Bible study for each session, and his messages also were highly appreciated. The messengers responded warmly to Peter and Barbara Jenkins, the couple who walked across America. As he was walking across the continent, Jenkins met Barbara at New Orleans Seminary and stayed long enough to get her to marry him. He subsequently made a profession of faith and also became a Southern Baptist. She then accompanied him on the rest of his journey. He is a natural story teller, using humor subtly to make his points. She is a very attractive partner in their speaking engagements. Peter had walked across Mississippi from Meridian to New Orleans before meeting Barbara.

Charles Colson, the former presidential aide who went to prison in the Watergate conspiracy, closed the convention with an earnest call to minister to those behind bars.

Previous to the convention, many did not relish the idea of going. In addition to apprehensiveness about the convention, they were not interested in going to Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh turned out to be an interesting, beautiful, friendly city; and the convention was inspiring and objective.

In his president's address, Draper did not refer to inerrancy and infallibility. He said, "Our only hope for strength and vitality in our denomination is our renewed and continued commitment to this divinely inspired, uniquely transmitted, carefully preserved and totally reliable book." Surely we all agree.



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Emma Hudspeth

At 75, Emma Hudspeth entered a new career as librarian. "I didn't know beans about Dewey Decimal," she said. "But I sat up and studied every night until midnight, 'til I did—after I got my first lesson at Ridgecrest." This year she'll be 95; the library she started 20 years ago at Ashland Baptist Church with memorial books has ballooned to 5,000 volumes and "they're adding a secretary's room." She's still full of pep—and mischief. Over at the church they still think of her as the librarian, but she said, "No, since last October, I've been librarian emeritus."

This short, energetic woman with well-groomed white hair and lively blue eyes is a morning person. Take my word for it. When a revival meeting comes to town, she invites the preachers over for breakfast. At 9:15 a.m. on a Saturday, she offered coffee to me and Lola Autry (her "niece-in-law") and Joan Peterson, along with melt-in-your-mouth chess pie she'd baked at 6 that morning. Pink dogwoods were blooming in her Ashland yard then, and the porch of her white house looked like a place I'd choose to spend the summer.

"I asked the Lord to give me something useful to do as long as I live," she told me this morning on the phone. One service ministry she continues is that of sending notes and get-well cards to the sick. At 12, she began teaching children in the church and since has accepted many, many jobs there, including that of WMU director. Lola told me, "She's nursed lots of sick people, too."

In 1953, she retired from school teaching. Following the death of her husband in 1960 and her mother in 1963, she took on the library challenge.

She was born Emma Gresham, Dec. 12, 1888. "Didn't take them long to find out I was something special—a cry baby!" Her papa survived all this noise, though, got elected circuit clerk, and moved his family to Ashland.

One rainy day her mother wanted to go on an outing. To keep the rain off them, this imaginative lady placed her youngsters in a trunk and set it in the wagon and told little Emma to hold the lid up. Her arm got tired, so she let the lid drop—and got locked in.

In 1911, she became the first female from Benton County to be graduated from MSCW (it was Industrial Institute and College in her first two years). To beat the 10 p.m. curfew, she would study by candlelight under a tent—a quilt over chairs—until one night the quilt caught fire. She had a hard time putting the fire out (nearly got caught that time), but finally doused it in a bucket of water.

After her sophomore year, she taught at Indian Mound for \$45 a month. In two years she saved \$400 to go back to college.

Young folks liked to go to Shone's



Pond to make a pot of stew. Boys would furnish wagon and team and girls the stew ingredients. One young man, Bob Hudspeth, assistant to the chancery clerk (later chancery clerk and then sheriff), would tip his hat when he walked past the Greshams' gate. "That caught my eye," recalled Emma. "He was a musician, witty, a good conversationalist, very good looking." She married Bob July 26, 1911. Once she and a friend went fox hunting with their husbands and rode the mules all night. Next time they sat on the porch and waited for their husbands. (Wonder why?)

In the fall of 1916, Ashland High opened with a full faculty. No buses brought students from the country, so Emma began to provide rooms in her home for as many as 11 students at the time, for \$5 a month each—while she continued to teach in the Ashland school, and also later to rear her own four children—Bobbie, Maurice, Joe, and Emmy. (Of interest to me: Bobbie and L. C. Jackson got married Dec. 31, 1934, in Pontotoc, the ceremony performed by the pastor, A. L. Goodrich, who shortly afterward joined the staff of the Baptist Record.)

In a time when women in public office were even more rare than now, Emma was elected Benton County superintendent of education (1940-46). In the forestry program she set up, she sought to raise the "fire consciousness." Schools sponsored speaking contests on a safety theme; students set out pines around school buildings. She wrote a column for Southern Advocate (and still writes news items for a local paper.)

For nearly a century, unselfish Emma Hudspeth's influence has molded the minds and lives of hundreds—students, family, fellow citizens. It was her practice to read the Bible to her children, and nights when they went out on dates, she would leave a Bible on his or her bed, opened to a particular passage.

"I never asked them to read it. They just knew I wanted them to, and they did. Matthew 6:33 was one verse I tried to instill in them, and am using with my grandchildren: 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.'"

I salute you, Mrs. Hudspeth! May I call you Aunt Emma?

Religious lawbreakers

It is difficult to know what to think about the mass arrests May 23 in the U.S. Capitol of people in religious groups protesting the funding of new nuclear weapons.

Surely we don't want a nuclear war. That is uppermost in everyone's mind. Some feel a big stockpile of nuclear weapons will prevent war. Some feel such a stockpile will increase the chances of war. Some feel we can blow up the world already, so why add more.

Others feel that the answer is to be found somewhere within extremist positions on either side, while still

others insist we must be in a position to negotiate from strength without going overboard on stockpiling.

It would seem, however, that a religious group that plans to protest something would handle its protest within the confines of the law. The people who were arrested admitted they were engaged in nonviolent civil disobedience. Civil disobedience of any sort should not be the stock in trade of any group that considers itself religious. Peter said we should obey God rather than man; but he was speaking of preaching, not politics. When we move outside our own realm,

we just about have to be guided by the conditions of the realm into which we have moved.

On the other hand, the police officers who arrested the protesting group in the Capitol surely were mistaken when they said, "It is unlawful to pray in the U.S. Capitol." That is not so, and we all know it. Maybe there was something else that made the assembly unlawful, but it was not the interest in prayer.

We must be allowed to express our convictions, whether we are right or wrong. Nowhere should that be more in evidence than in the U.S. Capitol. On the other hand, if there are regulations

that pertain to our being allowed to express ourselves anywhere, and particularly the U.S. Capitol, then we should be prepared to present our concerns within the framework of those regulations and not go in with the idea of being sent to jail. That defeats the whole idea and thus becomes counter-productive.

If we feel those regulations are wrong, then we should go about seeking to have them changed in an orderly manner. The U.S. Constitution does give us the freedom to petition Congress for a redress of grievances.

Letters to the Editor

Happy memories

Editor: At this writing it does not appear that I shall have the joy of attending the 30th Anniversary celebration for Anne McWilliams.

I have many happy memories of our work there: Commuting to Mississippi College one night each week during the spring semester to study creative writing with Dr. Simmons and sharing a picnic lunch at Mynelle Gardens and having her be the go-between for articles I've had published in the BR. It was a privilege to be of some small help in getting her to write The Gulfshore Story and accompanying her and W.D. to Gulfshore and the Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce when her research began. I always read and enjoy Faces and Places, also read the book about Pastor Gomes, a copy of which I own. She wrote a very nice story about me upon the occasion of my retirement.

Many happy returns Anne and the Baptist Record.

Eunice J. Campbell
Former Business Manager
The Baptist Record

Salvation and security

Editor: Elizabeth Camp of Meridian did well to call our attention to Ezekiel 18:26, and we would do well to read all of chapter 18 as well as chapters 3 and 33 to more fully understand God's instruction. Surely God has something to tell us, for He repeated it in Romans.

First He answers the question, "Is God unrighteous or unfair?" Ezekiel 18:25-29 and Romans 3:5-6; 9:14 declare God is righteous and sovereign. We are the unrighteous and unfair ones. Next we are faced with the question of salvation and security. Romans 8:31-39 proclaims boldly God is the one who saves and is able to keep us secure in Him. What then of the "righteous" who turn away from righteousness? Jesus warned of wolves in sheep's clothing, note Matthew 7:13-29. Again in I John 2:19 God explains to us that those who do turn away from righteous living prove they never were righteous to begin with.

What should this call from true Christians? Without a doubt praise for our God who is righteous and sovereign and Saviour and able. Let us repeat Jude 24-25 in praise.

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power both now and forever. Amen.

Brad Talley
Columbus

Baptist Church of Brookhaven, Miss. There are all kinds of folks in the church membership—"old-timers and newcomers," "blue-collar and white-collar," "the old and the young," and the "well-to-do and not-so-well-to-do." However, this group is welded together by a fantastic fellowship. Bible Study, Church Training, music, missions, and worship are not fragmented parts of "church pie" but are forged forces banded together for proclamation, edification, and adoration! I know this to be the characteristic of this church because I have served this wonderful group for the past 11 years as their pastor. No Pastor could ever have experienced a greater coopera-



Peter and Barbara Jenkins sign autographs following a talk during the home missions session of the SBC. Jenkins wrote WALK ACROSS AMERICA, and while walking, met Barbara at New Orleans Seminary. Together they wrote THE WALK WEST, both bestsellers.



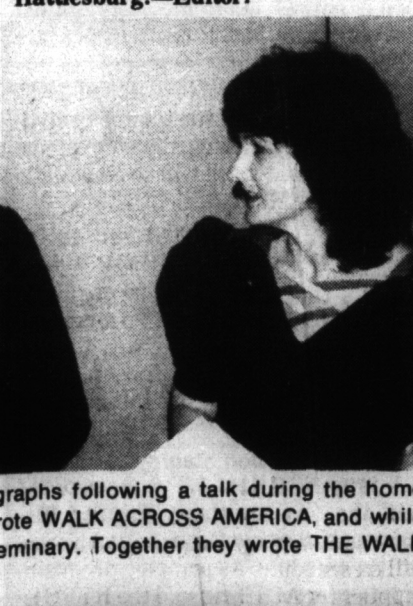
Mrs. Joan Tyler of Collins, Miss., served on the SBC Resolutions Committee. Here she presents one of the many resolutions discussed during sessions.

tion and more gracious generosity than I.

I am leaving the pastorate of this church—not because of conflict—but because of a clear call to another place of service. I am swimming out on the stream of tears of our mutual love and sharing. Blessed is the man whom God has "waiting in the wings" for this wonderful church!

George G. Aultman, pastor
Immanuel Church
Hattiesburg

George Aultman is Convention Board Member from Lincoln Association and has recently accepted the pastorate of Immanuel Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.—Editor.



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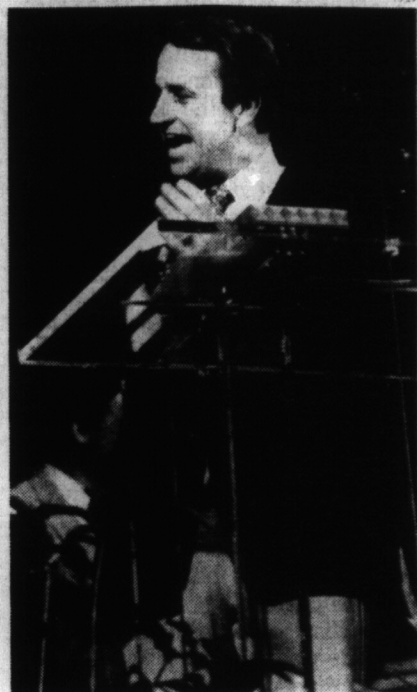
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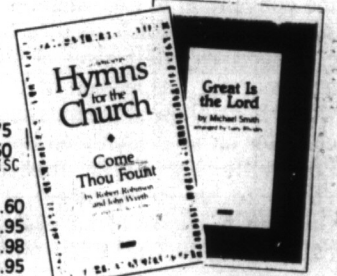
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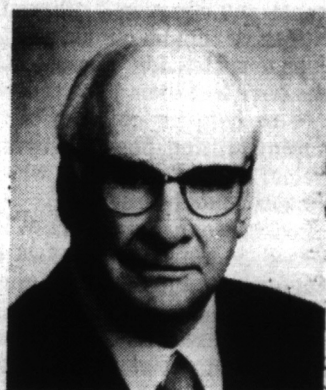
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WMU works on bridge building

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of Marietta, Ga., in a salute to the bicentennial of Luther Rice's birth, received a standing ovation.

"Lottie" star Sheila Bailey presented dramatic monologues at each session, recalling the pioneer China missionary's early years and her fight through the decades to rally Southern Baptist support, not only for witness to her beloved Chinese, but to all people of the world.

Since the offering bearing her name was started in 1888, almost \$600 million has been collected in the annual giving for foreign missions.

However, the 1982 Lottie offering fell almost \$4 million short of the \$58 million goal. As a result, the goal for 1983 was lowered to \$60 million by action of the WMU executive committee during the Pittsburgh sessions.

The economic recession, believed to be at least a contributing cause in the shortfall, also triggered a call from a Home Mission Board social ministries leader for more help to what he called the "new poor" and the "potentially" poor of this country.

Paul R. Adkins of Atlanta said WMU groups and others in Southern Baptist churches should consider starting clubs to assist older persons (40-plus) who have lost their jobs, provide free care or help for children of the unemployed, and possibly even start special credit unions from which such persons could borrow.

Looking to the future, the WMU witnessed commissioning of 20 church planter apprentices to start congregations in areas where no Baptist churches exist in this country and heard author Helen Jean Parks of Richmond, VA., plead for strong intercessory prayer support for the work underway both at home and in 100 countries overseas.

Parks, wife of Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks, led special prayer times at the first national prayer conference held on the Saturday preceding the two-day WMU meeting.

Sample was re-elected president for the third year without opposition. Betty Gilreath of Charlotte, N. C., recording secretary for the past two years, also was unanimously elected for a third term.

Executive Director Carolyn Weatherford, in her annual report, praised the organization for increasing its national membership to 1,149,266 women, girls, and preschoolers in 24,942 churches. But she reminded that 11,360 Southern Baptist churches still do not have WMU organizations.

From Brazil, the organization received a marble wall hanging inlaid with the map of Brazil in appreciation for help which Southern Baptists have provided during the Brazil WMU's 75-year history. Charlotte Vaughan, national children's leader for the Brazil organization, presented the plaque.

Brotherhood Commission chief James Smith of Memphis presented a silver tray in appreciation for WMU's 50-year support of Royal Ambassador boy's work before the Brotherhood assumed this responsibility 25 years ago.

The program also marked another 25-year mark, a quarter century of literacy missions work. M. Wendell Belew of the home board, Atlanta, paid special tribute to literacy pioneers Lillian Isaacs and Mildred Blankenship.

Belew said the literacy work, in which adults and others are taught to read, has produced the highest proportionate response evangelistically of any home board program.

Bob Stanley is news director for the Foreign Mission Board.



Women's Missionary Union officers were reelected at the annual WMU meeting. Dorothy Sample, left, from Flint, Mich., was elected without opposition to a third consecutive one-year term. Betty Gilreath, right, from Charlotte, N. C., was also unanimously elected to a third term as recording secretary. In the center is Carolyn Weatherford, executive secretary of the WMU.



Sheila Bailey, who portrays Lottie Moon in the film, Journey Home, that premiered at the Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting in Pittsburgh, signs autographs for George and Vada Phillips of Lexington, Ky. and Iona Graves of Corinth, Ky. (Photo by Van Payne)

Howell to speak to CT leaders

The featured speaker for Church Training Leadership Conference, Aug. 10-13, will be John Howell, professor of Christian ethics and academic dean at Midwestern Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO. Howell is a recognized authority in the area of family relations.

His theme for messages at the Church Training leadership retreat will follow the denominational and Church Training emphasis for the year related to the family and ministering to those in the community.

The leadership conference will feature extensive training for all Church Training leaders and will include entire mornings devoted to age-group leadership training, including general officers, adults, youth leadership, children's leadership, and preschool leadership.

Another feature of Church Training Leadership Conference will be a special section for those involved in special education. There will be activities for the special ed persons, and conferences for their parents and teachers.

The conference begins with dinner on Wed. evening, Aug. 10, and concludes with lunch on Sat., Aug. 13. A reservation fee of \$25.00 per person must be sent to Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, Miss. 39571. For further information concerning cost, contact Frank Simmons at the Gulfshore address.

RA Camp openings

Royal Ambassador Camp at Central Hills Baptist Assembly, Kosciusko, has openings during the following weeks of camp: June 27-July 1; July 4-8; July 11-15; July 18-22; July 25-29; Aug. 1-5; and Aug. 8-12. Lad/Dad Weekend openings include June 24-25; July 8-9; and July 22-23.

Off the Record

The weatherman found himself embarrassed to walk down the street because he had been so wrong on his forecasts so often. He finally requested a transfer. "Why do you wish to be transferred?" headquarters inquired. "Because the climate doesn't agree with me," the forecaster answered.

Those who opt for life on any terms have never known life in its fullest terms.

SBC messengers fund buildings, defer Canada, okay Las Vegas

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Shreveport, La., re-elected first vice-president.

Three nominees for second vice-president took messengers to ballots and then to a runoff. Dorothy Sample of Michigan, and SBC Woman's Missionary Union president, was defeated in the first ballot; and C. Edward Price, a layman from Pittsburgh, defeated Fred Wolfe, pastor of Cottage Hill Church, Mobile in the runoff. Wolfe is outgoing president of the SBC Pastors' Conference and incoming chairman of the SBC Order of Business Committee. Price was co-chairman of the local arrangements committee for the Pittsburgh meeting.

Before voting to hold the 1989 SBC meeting in Las Vegas, messengers defeated attempts to change the place of the convention to Los Angeles and to suspend rules which require the host city to offer certain sizes of facilities and housing. Suspension of the rules would have allowed the messengers to consider an invitation from the city of Louisville, Ky. Later, messengers voted to invite evangelist Billy Graham to speak at an evangelistic rally during the Las Vegas convention.

And they voted without discussion to hold the 1990 convention in New Orleans.

A motion to amend Article II of the SBC Constitution to allow Canadian Baptists to send messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention was itself amended and referred to a "Canada Study Committee" of 21 members to be composed of President Draper; vice-presidents Sullivan and Price; Harold Bennett of the Executive Committee; four members each from the Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board, and Northwest Baptist Convention; and five at-large members, all to be named by Draper. Had the issue passed it would have opened the door for the first time for Baptists living in a foreign country to become messengers at the SBC.

The Cooperative Program allocation budget of \$106 million was passed without discussion, though many convention watchers expected a move to defund the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. James J. Gunn, head of the interdenominational Baptist Joint Committee, has come under criticism in recent years for attacks on President Reagan's church-state positions

and for opposing the current prayer amendment.

However, another budget item walked through fire before passage. The 1984-88 SBC capital needs budget of \$31,740,000 was accepted by messengers except for the \$8 million tagged for the building of new facilities for the Executive Committee and six SBC agencies. Messengers questioned the need for a new building and complained that they could have used more comprehensive information prior to being asked to vote. Then they voted by ballot to include the building funds.

Following a report of a Cooperative Program Study Committee, messengers approved its recommendations for a 15-year growth in giving emphasis and a goal of increasing gifts to \$2.5 billion by the end of the century.

The report of the Committee on Committees passed without question. This included naming of the two Mississippians, Hueston Adkins, pastor of First Church, Mendenhall, and S. R. Hughes, a layman from West Laurel Church, Laurel.

Only one nomination of the committee on boards was substituted prior to the convention by the committee. It withdrew its nomination of Sam Moore a layman from Mt. Juliet, Tenn., to the Baptist Sunday School Board. Chairman Charles Stanley said the change was made because of a "business relationship with the Sunday School Board which might appear to be a conflict of interest." He said the committee was not aware of Moore's affiliation with another publisher of religious materials, prior to the nomination.

Then, as messengers considered the report of the Committee on Board, Commissions, and Standing Committees by section, two substitutes were sought by motions based on geographical representation. The two who would have been substituted have been identified as being in the conservative camps. They are Albert Lee Smith of Alabama for the Public Affairs Committee, and Wayne Allen of Tennessee for Southern Seminary. The suggested substitute for Smith was Billie Holder of New Mexico and for Allen, Dillard Mynatt of Tennessee. The floor motions suggested the substitution for Smith, asking for representation west of the Mississippi; and the substitution for Allen was suggested to give representation to another section of Tennessee. Both substitutions failed, and messengers voted the entire report as presented.

An Executive Committee recommendation was adopted concerning procedures for the Committee on Boards. They must release their report to Baptist Press at least 45 days prior to each convention, and they can only recommend persons who have lived in the state from which they are elected for at least one year prior to election.

However, a similar proposal for the Committee on Committees was referred back to the Executive Committee because a messenger complained that the word "state" was misleading since

several conventions encompass more than one state. Draper asked the convention to reconsider the committee on boards rule also because it contained similar language. However, messengers voted to retain it.

A number of motions were referred to appropriate committees for study. The list includes consideration of placing World Hunger Sunday on the denominational calendar; requiring resolutions to pass on a three-fourths majority vote; five year membership in a Southern Baptist church before election as trustee, board member, or to a standing committee; and consideration of a reduction in the number of trustees on boards. Also referred by messengers was a request to make the Southern Baptist Convention's position on abortion more visible and to make special consideration to accommodate the hearing impaired and those with other handicaps.

Messengers voted to invite Russell Dilday, president of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, to preach the 1984 convention in Kansas City, with B. Conrad Johnston of Salem, Va., as alternate, and William Reynolds of Fort Worth, as music director.

Prior to the convention meeting in Pittsburgh, Southern Baptists participated in an evangelistic campaign in Western Pennsylvania. Early reports to messengers indicated that 750 professions of faith and 2,000 prospects were reported.

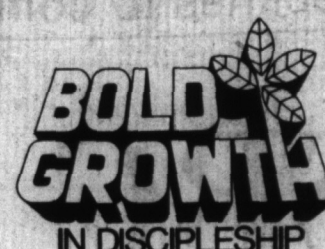
Mrs. Kelly elected 1985 president

Marjorie (Mrs. Earl) Kelly of Jackson was elected 1985 president of the Southern Baptist Ministers' Wives Conference during a session preceding the SBC in Pittsburgh. The 1984 president is Mrs. Raymond Duncan of Waco, Tex. The 1983 conference, attended by 330 persons, was led by Jane (Mrs. Frank) Pollard, wife of the new president of Golden Gate Seminary, and former pastor of First Church, Jackson. Mrs. Kelly is the wife of Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

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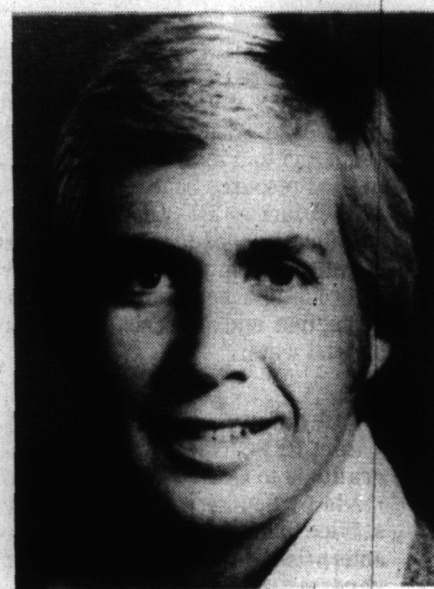
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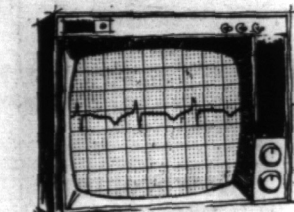
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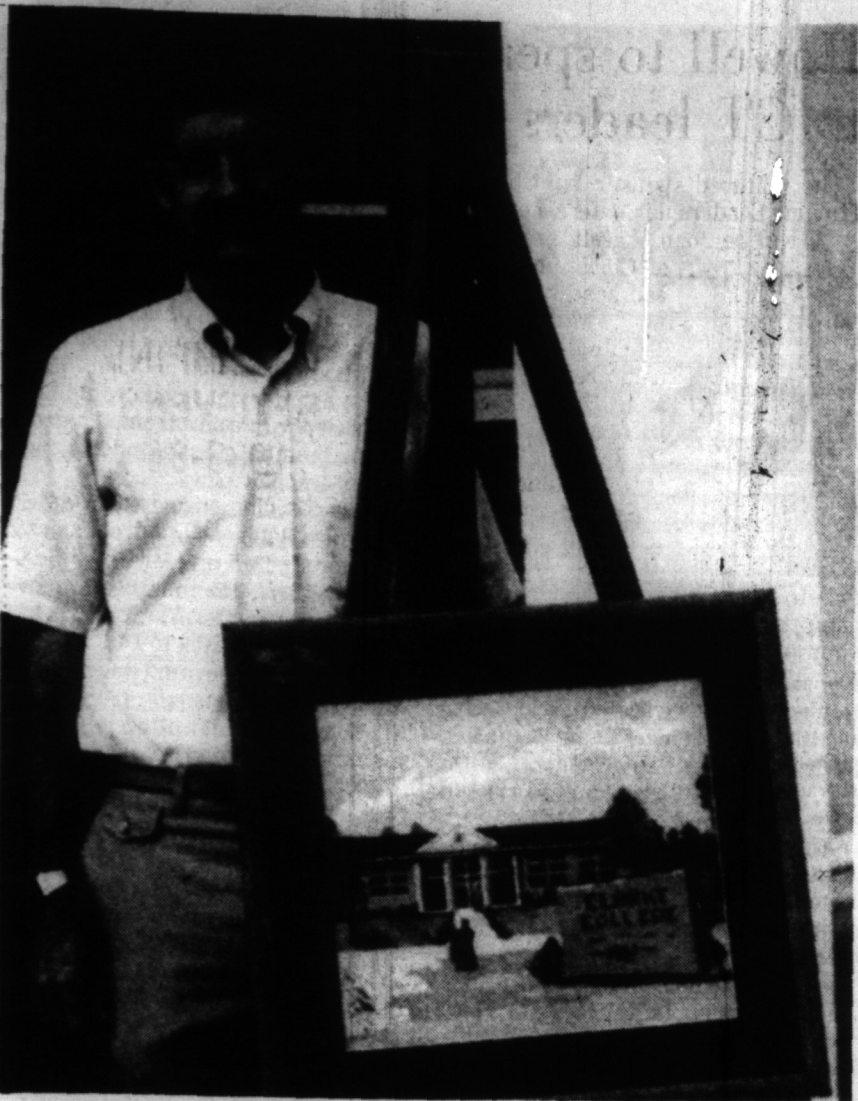
tary, expressing loving thoughts and doing loving deeds toward and with your beloved. See if this behavior may elicit the appropriate loving response.

Both of you should have had counseling long ago. It is not too late. Alone, you can receive some coping suggestions from a competent Christian counselor. Some way may be found to improve your relationship with your wife.

Let us hope that we may better educate our children and grandchildren as to the biblical teachings concerning our nature and needs as God has created us. He desires for us to enjoy and celebrate the love-marriage relationship he has prescribed. Genesis 2:24. This knowing-communicating relationship is for more than having children. It becomes a symbol of the oneness that exists. Between Christian married couples it may indeed be considered an act of gratitude to God for all that exists in the total relationship between the married partners.

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Thursday, June 23, 1983



Several friends of Clarke College have joined in giving the college a needlepoint picture of Sanders Memorial Library. The brick Clarke College sign is also shown in the picture, indicating the beginning year of operation, 1908. Shown with the needlepoint is J. Dow Ford, director of admissions and development. The picture will be on display in the Sanders Memorial Library.

Clarke alumni look toward renovation for 75th year

Evelyn Williams, director of financial aid and alumni affairs, and Dow Ford, dean of student services, spoke to Clarke College alumni, on their homecoming day, about coming events during this 75th year anniversary of the institution.

Alumni divided into groups to coordinate plans for Sept. 17, Clarke's special day of celebration. The class of 1973 took on the project of raising money to remodel the men's and women's dorms.

Other needs of the college, the groups discovered, include reroofing,

painting, and renovation of campus buildings. A decision was made that those interested in giving toward these projects—alumni or others—could send contributions to Evelyn Williams, director of alumni affairs, Clarke College, P. O. Box 440, Newton, Miss. 39345, with checks payable to Clarke College.

Other information concerning the 75th anniversary may be received by contacting members of the Steering Committee. The Jackson area committee member is Elton Barlow, 3124 Bilgray Drive, Jackson, Miss. 39212 (phone 373-5964).

Revival Dates

Zion (Smith): 7:30 nightly; June 27-July 1; Ray Lott, Tampa, Fla., preaching; Tim Johnson, leading music, of Leaf River Baptist Church; Jimmy Sellers, pastor.

Centerville Church, Tylertown: June 25-July 1; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 p.m.; Anthony Kay, FBC, Calhoun City, evangelist; Joe Vance, Eastside, Pearl, music director; Steve Mooneyham, pastor.

Beat Line, Philadelphia: June 26-July 1; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; dinner on the grounds at noon Sunday; Mon.-Fri. at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; John G. Armistead, pastor of Calvary, Tupelo, evangelist Sun.-Thurs.; Curtis M. Dyer, pastor of Pine Grove, Collinsville, evangelist Fri., July 1, J. Terry Plummer, pastor.

Sebastopol Church, Sebastopol: June 26-July 1; at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily; Sonny Adkins, New Hebron, evangelist; Eddie Steadman, music director; John Sharp, pastor; special emphasis planned for each service.

Calvary, West Point (Clay): June 19-24; at 7 p.m.; J. Roy McComb, Columbia, evangelist; Bob Waldrop, Columbus, music evangelist; Tom McCurley, pastor.

New Fellowship (Jasper): June 19-24; Bobby Cossey, First, Lauderdale, evangelist; Herbert Williams, music evangelist; Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; during week at 7:30 p.m.; Jerry Lowery, pastor.

Knox (Walthall): June 26-29; A. B. Hatfield, former pastor at Knox, currently pastor, First Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Ga., preaching; Brad Johnson, Crystal Springs Baptist Church, Walthall Co., music evangelist; B. J. Bennett, pastor; homecoming services Sunday, June 26, beginning at 11 a.m. and lunch at church.

Parkview, Leland: revival; June 19-22; pastor, Tommy Cherry; Walter Simmons of Philadelphia Baptist Church, Cadaretta, evangelist; Randy White of Parkview, Greenville, leading the music; and Deedra Brackeen, Parkview, Leland, pianist.

Shivers Baptist Church: June 26-July 1; evangelist, Howard Aultman; leading the music, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Aultman; Steve Huber, pastor.

Calvary (Simpson): June 26-July 1; Sunday at 11 a.m.; during week at 7 p.m.; William McWilliams, new pastor at Calvary, evangelist; James Allen, song leader; dinner on the grounds Sunday, and singing in the afternoon.

Benton Church (Yazoo): June 26-29; 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Jerry Kennedy, pastor, Strong Hope Church, Wesson, evangelist; Jim Everett, pastor, Benton Church, Benton, leading music; Lee Rodgers, pastor.

Good Hope (Leake): June 26-July 1; regular services Sunday, with lunch at the church; Mon.-Fri. at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; David Moree, evangelist; Mrs. Melanie Moree, leading the singing; Mrs. Brenda Chenaunt, pianist; Mrs. Paula O'Bannon, organist; Odell Tebo, pastor.

Homecomings

Gatesville (Copiah): homecoming; June 26; Sunday school at 10 a.m.; morning worship at 11; dinner on the ground; revival begins at 7:30 p.m.; William Wright, pastor.

Durant Chapel Baptist Church, Bay Minette, Ala.: June 26; Harvest Day; homecoming (in Crossroads community); dinner served at the church after the morning service.

Zion Baptist Church (Smith): homecoming; June 26, 1983, Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.; morning worship at 11; dinner on the grounds; singing in the afternoon, with "The Sons of Faith" of Forest as guests; Jimmy Sellers, pastor.

Tishomingo Chapel (Alcorn): homecoming June 26; Charles Stephenson, pastor, to preach; afternoon gospel singing.

Mt. Nebo near Collinsville (Newton Co.): homecoming; June 26; Sunday School at 10 a.m.; J. H. Pilgrim, pastor of Sardis Church and former Mt. Nebo pastor, 11 a.m. speaker; L. Gordon Sansing, First Church, Collinsville, 1:30 p.m. speaker; Bill Jones and the New Sunshine Trio (Shirley Pierce, Juana Rogers, Mary Hovan) to bring special music; Mrs. Nancy Jenkins, former member at Mt. Nebo, pianist; noon meal at the church; Charles R. Davis, pastor.

In 1944, he was on the finance committee; he helped with the new church building. He has served on pulpits committees.



Three deacons have retired at Calvary Church, Winston County. Left to right are Ken Cooper, pastor; Wilson Clark, deacon for 59 years; Mrs. Albert Metts; Albert Metts, deacon for 41 years; Mrs. Bunk Craig; Bunk Craig, deacon for 41 years; and Solon Wilkes, chairman of deacons.

Staff Changes

Huey Dedmon, who was graduated from New Orleans Baptist Seminary in May, 1983, has been called to McLaurin Heights Baptist Church, Pearl, as minister of youth and activities.

David Satterwhite has accepted the pastorate of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Carroll Association.

Danny Powell has resigned the pastorate of the New Hope Baptist Church, Ellisville, and has accepted the pastorate of the Meadowood Baptist Church, Amory.

Tate Street Baptist Church, Corinth, has called James Lewis as associate pastor in charge of youth and outreach. Lewis is a graduate of Blue Mountain College. He presently is attending Union University's seminary studies program and is working on his Master of Divinity degree. He goes to Tate Street from Dumas Baptist Church, where he was pastor for five years.

Robby Spear is the new minister of youth and activities at Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson.

Wayne Osborne has resigned as minister of youth and activities at Briarwood Drive Church, Jackson.

Gene Jordan has resigned as minister of youth and activities at McDowell Road Church, Jackson.

Mark Hawkins is the new minister of youth and activities at Southside Church, Jackson.

Calvary honors retiring deacons

Three deacons retired recently at Calvary Baptist Church, Winston County. The church recognized them in a special service. They were Wilson Clark, 87; Albert Metts, 83; and J. C. (Bunk) Craig, 76.

Clark was ordained in 1924. He was secretary of Sunday School in 1923 and Sunday School director, 1930-1942 and 1944-55. He was church clerk, 1935-41, and chairman of the building committee for the new church dedicated in 1949. He was song leader at Calvary from 1918 until 1970, when Jerry Nance was called as music director. He married Hattie Boswell in 1918.

Metts and Craig were both ordained April 19, 1942. Metts, who married Mattie Boswell in 1923, was men's Bible teacher in 1943 and served as church treasurer in the early '40s. He has a perfect attendance record in Sunday School for 24½ years. Craig married Earline West in 1933.

Women in ministry organize

PITTSBURGH (BP)—Taking steps to create an official organization for mutual support and encouragement, about 75 Southern Baptist women in church-related vocations adopted a purpose statement and unanimously agreed to hold a third annual meeting preceding the 1984 Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City.

The need for women in ministry within the denomination to be servant-leaders and to challenge cultural barriers were themes sounded by several speakers in the two-day meeting.

Debra Griffis Woodberry, associate minister at Ridge Road Baptist

Church, Raleigh, N.C., said, "Cultural mores, attitudes and expectations about who women are constitute the greatest obstacle to enabling women to actualize their calls to vocational ministry."

Others speakers include Christine Gregory, president of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, Danville; Anne Neil, visiting professor of missions at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.; and Nancy Hastings Sehested, associate minister, Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga.

The purpose statement says an organization for women in ministry

should: "provide support for the women whose call for God defines her vocation as that of minister, or as that of woman in ministry within the Southern Baptist Convention, and to encourage and affirm her call to be a servant of God."

An ad hoc group of women from Louisville, Ky., unveiled the first issue of a newsletter, Folio, for Southern Baptist women in ministry. Reba Cobb, minister of younger youth at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, said the group will publish four issues of Folio during the next year at their own expense and hopes the SBC organization will be in place to take it over in 1984.

Names In The News...



Long

Mardis

Ladye Love Long, 19, Iuka, and Karen Mardis, 17, Picayune, have been selected to sing with the Baptist Festival Singers, representing Mississippi in a European tour this summer.

The group, led by composer-arranger Bob Burroughs of Samford University, is composed of 75 young people from all over the United States. Ladye also will sign two selections for the deaf in the program.

The group will rehearse at Shenandoah Conservatory of Music, Winchester, Va., training for the tour and recording an album prior to departure.

They will tour five countries; Austria, Germany, France, Switzerland, and England, singing in various Baptist churches, also at the 1983 European Baptist Convention, the Canterbury Cathedral, St. Paul's Cathedral and the Cathedral of Notre Dame.

A homecoming concert in Falls Church, Va., will conclude the tour July 13.

Louise Courtney, a registered nurse and specialist in the processing of hospital goods, has been named assistant director of Materials Management at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis. Courtney, formerly surgical materials coordinator, brings more than 30 years of experience in the sterilizing and processing of hospital supplies to her new position.

She holds a bachelor's degree from Memphis State University and received her nursing education from Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. She is a native of Shaw, Miss.

Charles W. Bridgers recently began work at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, as editor of Preschool Leadership magazine. He went to the board from Richmond, Va.



In a special memorial service at HERMANVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, the grandchildren of the late Walter Thedford gave new choir robes to the church. They were presented by Mrs. Joyce Johnson, right, granddaughter. This was followed by a dedication service by the choir and congregation. Tim Webb, pastor, read the inscription from a plaque which will be hung in the church. Selected music was presented by Eugenia Thedford, center, Tabitha Thedford, and Charlotte Ellis, granddaughters. Walter Thedford was a long-time active member of Hermanville Church and was song leader at the time of his death. Mrs. Jon Webb, choir director, is at left. (Tim Webb has since moved to another pastorate; Guy Hughes is the interim pastor.)

Pastors' Conference votes Charles Stanley president

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ment, he cautioned pastors against turning to divorce as an easy solution to a problem marriage. "Divorce is often the devil's alternative for two people who absolutely refuse to get right with God and with each other," said Lowery. For those already divorced, Lowery said "our message is one of love and forgiveness."

Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, a former SBC president, and a fixture on the Pastor's Conference program, made an appeal for unapologetic commitment to an inerrant Bible.

"I make no apologies—though some say it is controversial and some say it doesn't need to be said anymore—for believing this book and standing by it," he said. "I'm going to keep the faith. And friend, if it's not absolute, it's obsolete."

Rogers challenged preachers to remain faithful to their calling. "You let Congress make the laws," he said. "You let Wall Street handle the finances. You let the movie stars have their fame. You let me be a preacher of the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

Morris Chapman, a Kosciusko, Miss., native and pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., challenged the pastors to prepare for the "race" of their ministry by putting aside all "encumbrances" and "entanglements." Chapman described the encumbrances as "things not necessarily wrong in themselves, but things that are wrong because we are in a race." Entanglements, he said, are "the things that trip us up."

Jim Hylton, pastor of Lake Country Baptist Church, Fort Worth, said revival comes through anointing which he described as conscious, concentrated, comprehensive, and continuing. Hylton defined revival as "the realization of the reality of the revealed Christ."

Ron Herrod, pastor of First Baptist Church, Kenner, La., returned to the theme of loyalty to Scripture. "This is a book of God with no mixture of error," he said. "It is inerrant and infal-

libe. It does not contain the word of God, it is the word of God. And we can stake our lives on this book. One of the basics that has bound us as Baptists has been an inerrant Scripture, an authoritative Word of God."

He added, "But I am convinced that our problem is not liberalism. Our problem is neglect. We don't need any more theories or translations. What we need is a people who believe and apply the Word of God."

Len Turner, formerly pastor of Jackson's Colonial Heights Baptist Church, now pastor of First Baptist Church, Merritt Island, Fla., spoke on the necessity of being ready to preach the gospel. "Brethren, if you are not convinced by the Holy Spirit that everything that you believe and preach about Jesus Christ is the truth, that those who listen to you are sinners, and that Jesus is who they need, then you're not ready to preach," said Turner.

Other speakers during the four sessions of the evangelism conference included Arthur Blessitt, a native Mississippian and "minister of Sunset Strip"; E. V. Hill, pastor of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Los Angeles; Stephen Olford, evangelist with Encounter Ministries, Wheaton, Ill.; Mike Gilchrist, evangelist from Shreveport; Charles Campbell, former missionary to Argentina, now an editor with Spanish Baptist Publishing House in El Paso; and Mark Stone, an evangelist from Virginia Beach, Va.

Gunmen take car

BARRANQUILLA, Colombia (BP)—Vic and Kathy Norman, Southern Baptist missionaries to Colombia, had a car stolen at gunpoint at their home in Barranquilla June 13.

The Normans, both Alabama natives, and their two children, Holly Jo, 7, and Luke, 5, were stopped by two gunmen and forced to give over the car as they returned home from a farewell party for another missionary family. No one was injured in the incident.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, YAZOO CITY, is sponsoring a ten-day youth mission tour to Florida, June 17-27.

Nearly 40 youths are participating in Vacation Bible Schools, day camps, beach ministry, visitation, and personal witnessing. They also comprise a Mission Tour Choir which will present concerts in churches, on beaches and at pool-sides.

Church concerts are scheduled for Scenic Heights Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla.; Westside Baptist Church, Daytona Beach; and First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, Orlando.

The choir consists of high school and college students

under direction of Mrs. James A. Henley, Jr., music ministry coordinator at First Baptist Church. This group is one of many appointed by the Home Mission Board, SBC, to share in a gospel witness in the Daytona Beach area this summer. The young people are working with the Daytona Resort Ministries of the Halifax Baptist Association, coordinated by Tammy Fann, US-2 missionary.

Ken Hall is minister of activities at Yazoo City's First Baptist Church; James F. Yates is pastor.

The group will stay two days at Disney World and Epcot Center.



GIRLS IN ACTION OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CORINTH, were honored in a recognition service, which had as its theme, "Tell the Good News." First, second, and third-graders (top picture), from left, front row: Susan Prather, Whitney Bullard, Angel Rutledge, Sallie Kate Dillingham, Jennifer Hussey, and Emily Wood. Second row: Jessica Moore, Kristen Boucher, Amy Beth Dudley, Shannon Smillie, and Sara Smith. G. A. leaders (not pictured) are Mrs. Elaine Dudley (director), Mrs. Teresa Smillie, and Mrs. Barbara Prather. Fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-graders (bottom photo) from left: Sonya Boucher, Joy Reeves, Alesha Hussey, and Ellen Riddell. Leaders (not pictured) are Mrs. Joy Whithead, Mrs. Joy Nanney, and Mrs. Jan Wood.

Bible Book

God's judgment on Ahab

By Joe H. Tuten, pastor,
Calvary, Jackson
I Kings 20:1-22:53

Ahab reigned 22 years. He, along with his wicked wife Jezebel, did everything within their power to destroy Jehovah worship in the land of Israel. The worship of Baal, Jezebel's false god, was encouraged in every way. God's prophets were killed. Baal's so-called prophets ate "at Jezebel's table" (I Kings 18:19). The judgment of God upon Ahab was absolutely inevitable.

Benhadad's unsuccessful attack on Israel (I Kings 20:1-34). The battle with Benhadad, king of Syria, was the third direct attempt on God's part to elicit faith from Ahab. The two earlier attempts were Elijah's mocking defeat at Mount Carmel of the 400 prophets of Baal and, also at Mount Carmel, Elijah's announcement to Ahab of the torrential rain which ended the three-year drought. Nothing God did, however, aroused even a spark of faith in the soul of Ahab—neither the fire from heaven, the great rain ending the drought, or the miraculous military victories over Benhadad and the Syrian army.

The biblical writer said that God's purpose in giving Israel two surprising victories over Benhadad's army was that Ahab "shalt know that I am Jehovah" (I Kings 20:13 and 28). Ahab, however, dishonored the miracle of the two victories by sparing Benhadad and entering into a covenant of friendship with him. The battles were important enough for God to get involved in order for Israel to be spared, but when the battles were over Ahab acted toward Benhadad as though nothing had happened. Ahab's action reflected a total lack of appreciation for moral integrity. Such is dangerous.

A prophet pronounces judgment on Ahab for releasing Benhadad (I Kings 20:35-43). God used one of the "sons of the prophets" (I Kings 20:35) to provide Ahab the occasion of pronouncing his own judgment. Ahab, by releasing Benhadad, had arbitrarily and foolishly failed to fulfill his duty both to God and to the people of Israel, particularly to the soldiers of Israel who had risked their lives in battle in order to capture Benhadad and defeat the Syrian army. When the prophet revealed himself and delivered his message in unmistakable language, Ahab went home with a heavy heart (I Kings 20:43).

Ahab's taking of Naboth's vineyard (I Kings 21:1-16). This story is one of the brightest illustrations of ethical

monotheism in all the scripture. The injustice included (1) Ahab's disregard for the fact that the vineyard was not Naboth's to sell but that, according to Israelite law, it belonged to Naboth's father and Naboth's sons as well as to Naboth (Numbers 27:11); (2) the autocratic and high-handed concept of kingship as practiced by Jezebel's father and other kings where Baal worship prevailed (I Kings 21:7); (3) setting Naboth "on high" under pretense of honoring him in order to publicly dishonor him (I Kings 21:9); (4) the use of false witnesses in the name of justice; (5) the shedding of innocent blood (I Kings 21:13).

Elijah pronounces judgment on Ahab (I Kings 21:17-29). On occasions when I have to work and some of my business friends have the day off, I good naturedly remind them that "there is no perfect justice on this earth." That is said in good natured friendship, but it is a most serious and painful truth that justice is often lacking in this world. Naboth's innocent blood cried out, and Elijah confronted Ahab in the name of the just and righteous God. Shame upon any worshiper of Jehovah who refuses to stand openly against injustice, regardless of the risk! It should be noted that Elijah prophesied the complete cutting off of the line of Ahab as rulers in Israel (I Kings 21:21-22). The Lord's judgment was tempered by mercy (I Kings 21:27-29).

False and true prophecies regarding the battle with Syria (I Kings 22:1-28). The false prophets told Ahab what he wanted to hear, not what he needed to hear. Verse 15 must be understood as sarcasm. Micaiah was being dramatic in verses 19-23. Ahab chose a course, and God allowed lying spirits to confirm it—even to Ahab's death and destruction. Israel and Judah did go to war against Syria and were bitterly defeated (I Kings 22:29-36) as Micaiah had prophesied (I Kings 22:28). Ahab was killed in battle. The blood was washed from his chariot by the pool of Samaria, and dogs came and licked up his blood as Elijah had predicted (I Kings 21:19).

A personal note. This concludes my assignment in writing the Sunday School lessons for the past six months. It has been a labor of love. I trust and hope my efforts have been helpful to you.

A gentleman is a man who can disagree without being disagreeable.—Anonymous



FOUR ACTEENS QUEENS and THREE QUEENS-WITH-SCEPTER were recognized recently at MORRISON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, CLINTON. They were, left to right: Connie Penton, Queen-with-Scepter; Angie Gilstrap, Queen-with-Scepter; Lori Brooks, Queen; Angela Calhoun, Queen; Cristy Ainsworth, Queen; Kelly Moss, Queen; and Michelle Hand, Queen-with-Scepter (not pictured). Mrs. Bill Durr is the Acteens director; Kermit D. McGregor is pastor.

Woolmarket buys land, to build

Woolmarket Baptist Church, Harrison County, has purchased some new property and voted to build an activities building containing a gymnasium and 20 classrooms which the church needs now.

In the first four months, under a new pastor, Donnie Guy, the church has

doubled in Sunday School attendance and tripled in Church Training. "We have had 105 additions since February," reports John Sherman, chairman of deacons.

The church has bought a new bus, as well.

Uniform

Deborah: supporter, leader

By John G. Armistead, pastor,
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Judges 4:4-9, 14-16; 5:1-3

One of the most fascinating women in the Bible is Deborah. She was a woman with a deep faith in God and was consequently used by him to accomplish his purposes.

After the Hebrews invaded Canaan they were able to take and hold onto the hill country but not the fertile plains nor the trade routes. Many other strong peoples remained in the land (cf., Judges 1:19f.). From the death of Joshua, the leader of the invasion, until the rise of the first king, Saul, the Hebrews were a loose federation of tribes. Sometimes the tribes fought each other and at times banded together to fight common enemies. It was a rough and tumble era lasting 400 years when "every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Judges 21:25).

The recurring refrain in the book of Judges is a cycle through which the people constantly revolve: first, turning from God to the gods of the land (apostasy), then God's punishment in allowing an enemy to oppress them, then the people's cry of repentance, and finally God's raising up a deliverer to lead them to freedom.

These deliverers are called "judges," though they are primarily military leaders. They are charismatic individuals, gifted by God's power and enabled to lead the repentant people to victory. Of the twelve judges mentioned in the book, Deborah is the only woman.

I. Deborah: an outstanding woman of God (Judges 4:4,5).

This twelfth century B.C. woman, Deborah, was an extraordinary, multi-talented individual. She was a wife and a mother (cf., Judges 5:7). At the same time she was a "prophetess" (the word here used in the feminine form of "prophet").

The word prophetess does not mean she was a fortune teller, but rather one to whom God uniquely spoke. She then spoke God's word to the people. In the hill country of Ephraim, Deborah was the most highly respected person.

She also functioned as a judge in the modern sense of the word. People came to her for the dispensing of judgment in all matters, and she directed them in the ways of God.

Deborah was also a poet. Chapter four is the prose account of what happened and chapter five is the poetic version of the same account. This poem, written by Deborah, is recognized as one of the finest examples of early Hebrew literature.

Deborah had allowed the spirit of God to bring to highest development all of her gifts and had completely dedicated those gifts to God's service.

II. Deborah: a woman who made things happen (Judges 4:6-9).

For twenty years the people had been oppressed by the Canaanites (4:1f.). The formidable Canaanite war machine with 900 iron chariots kept the Hebrews in submission. Normal village life ceased (5:7). The roads were unsafe (5:6). The entire society of the Hebrews had deteriorated.

Not content with the existing conditions, Deborah enlisted Barak to be a battle leader. She gave him God's command to assemble the 10,000 fighting men of the tribes of Naphtali and Zebulun at Mt. Tabor, twelve miles from the valley of Jezreel (v. 6). God, said Deborah, assured victory (4:7). Barak was willing to undertake the job only if Deborah went with him. To the 10,000 Hebrew men she represented God's presence. They would not march without her (vv. 8-9). She gave courage to the entire army.

III. Deborah: a woman who led to God's victory (Judges 4:14-16).

Under the generalship of Sisera the Canaanite forces swiftly responded when the Hebrews mustered the rebel army. As the 900 chariots thundered across the plain Deborah gave orders to the poorly equipped (cf. 5:8) Hebrews to attack (v. 14). A terrific rainstorm sent by God turned the plain in the valley into mud and the chariots bogged down (cf. 5:21). The Canaanites panicked, were routed, and defeated (v. 15f.). Never again were they a threat to the Hebrews. God had given the victory.

IV. Deborah: a woman who praised God (Judges 5:1-3).

Deborah, the catalyst and inspirational leader for the victory, gave all the glory to God. Chapter five is a song of praise to God. She praised the Lord for the willingness of the leaders to lead (v. 9) and the willingness of the people to follow (v. 2). Deborah was indeed a woman of faith that God used in a mighty way.

French elect

MASSY—The French Baptist Federation, meeting in annual session at Massy May 11-12, elected Jean Farely as the first executive secretary in its 80-year history.

The 300 persons attending also recognized the Strasbourg Baptist Church as a self-supporting member congregation. It was formerly a post of the French Baptist Home Mission.



GULFPORT, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, on May 11 held a G.A. recognition service. G.A.'s participating were: Christian Massie, Courtney Grim, Trish Landrum, Allison Speck, Mitzi Bond, Katie Boyd, Cynthia Thompson, Amy Sutton, Alice Smith, Nancy Elsworth, Kristin Keith, Wendy Walker, Suzanne Lewis, Kelly Bounds, and Cecilia Taylor. Pictured also is guest speaker, Frances May, missionary to the Caribbean, now on furlough. Their leaders are Linda Marsh, Betty Curet, Paula Shelton, Marilyn Lewis, and Tiny Ferguson, director. Betty Jo Dowdy is W.M.U. director and Jim Keith is pastor.

Winners in the First Baptist Church, Carthage, Church Training Bible Drills left recently on the church bus for a vacation trip to Florida.

But in the mud and scum of things, there always, always something sings.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

The Music Makers and Young Musicians of Tate Street Church, Corinth, recently presented Kids Praise 3, by Ernie Rettino and Debbie Kerner, to a Sunday-night crowd. Forty-two youngsters and two adults performed in the musical. H. G. (Buddy) Earwood, Tate Street's minister of music, directed. Mrs. Cindy Steen was choreographer.

State Boulevard to dedicate renovation

State Boulevard Baptist Church, Meridian, will dedicate its remodeled sanctuary, new Rogers organ, and Yamaha grand piano on June 26.

The sanctuary has been completely remodeled with a new front, a balcony added, stained glass windows, new carpet, and new pews.

The dedication service will be at 1:30 p.m. State Boulevard Church, started in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy McAllister in May, 1952, has been in five building programs. The church has had only three pastors, Bill Henderson, Bill Robinson, and the present pastor, W. F. Evans.

The building committee is Charles Norman, chairman; Terry Cross; Everette Kimbirel; Mrs. Ina Carmichael; Mrs. Bertie Johnson; S. A. Castle, and Ed Mayo, chairman of deacons.

A fellowship meal will be served in the Family Life Center after the morning service.

The organ will be played by Manley Blackwell, a student at L.S.U., and the piano by Mary Evans, the pastor's wife. The music director is Buddy McElroy.

Devotional What is God like?

By Kate Durham Morgan, Jackson

In the beginning of the human race and for hundreds of years afterward, men wondered what God was like. They had never seen him.

Then God sent to earth a living picture of himself in the form of Christ. Men saw him, heard him, felt him, fed him, sheltered him.

Then after a brief 33 years, he was gone into heaven, out of sight, not to return to earth until the end of the world.

Many today want to see what God is like. God does not send Christ in human form into the world in every generation. Christ was the first gift of a living picture of God to the world, and the only perfect one.

But Christ said to his followers, "As my Father hath sent me into the world, even so send I you" into the world. Small imperfect pictures of what God is like. Yet just as truly a gift of God to the world.

We today purchase gifts in many stores at limited prices for others. But when God purchased the first living picture to give to the world he found it in the Store of the Broken Heart, as he gave his only son, for others, which cost him all.

Even so, when Christ gave small imperfect pictures of God to the world he bought them in the Store of Death, and at no bargain price, but top value — his own blood.

Christians, we are gifts from God, the Father, and Christ, the Son, and the Holy Spirit who protects us until God shall collect us to the picture gallery of heaven, for inspection to see just how true a living picture we have become during our years of growing in grace here on earth.

Each of us should realize afresh "I am a gift of Christ to the world, as a living picture of what God is like." Asking God to help us to be clear of doubt. Clean from the dust of indifference, available when needed, that the purchase price paid for us will not be all in vain.

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Life and Work

Grappling with God's mercy

By Beverly V. Tinnin, pastor,
First, Meridian
Jonah 4:1-11

A little Indonesian waiter aboard a cruise ship upon which my wife and I sailed recently was very friendly and communicative. When he learned I was the Protestant chaplain and in fact a Baptist minister, he warmed up to us even more. He said that he had two sisters in Jakarta who were Christians and in fact were Baptists. In answer to our question as to how that had come about, he volunteered that they had attended a Baptist school there and along the way had become Christians and members of a Baptist church. It's a marvelous thing to hear of positive results of missions half a world in distance away.

If we had lived in Jonah's day, we might have expected to hear from some of the tens of thousands of converts Jonah had made in the course of his brief evangelistic crusade. But now we find the prophet far from rejoicing over the unbelievably successful mission and instead in a dark and despondent mood.

The unhappy evangelist (4:1-4) Jonah's anger at God for sparing Nineveh causes him to have the audacity to snap at God with rare impudence. He stated the reason he had refused to come to Nineveh in the first place was his fear that what happened would occur. Since God was so nifty-pammy and always ready to forgive a sinner no matter how vile his iniquities were, he didn't want to run the risk of calling the hated Ninevites to repentance. The crying of the people up to God for salvation brought no joy to his flinty heart.

Since God for reasons not understood by Jonah had removed the threat of destruction on the city, Jonah could find no good reason to go on living. He verbalized his death wish to God. God had earlier spared him from the sea, and now God deals with him, tenderly trying to cure his suicidal depression.

Jonah and the gourd vine (Vv. 5-8)

Jonah withdrew to a high bluff overlooking the great city and built a booth to offer shade in the near desert land. God is now ready to deal with the pouting prophet. He caused a fast-growing vine to cover Jonah's booth, providing added insulation against the broiling, hot sun. For the first time we see a slight smile on the face of the unpleasant man. The smile soon gives away to a frown and once more we hear the complainer's complaints.

A worm had cut his vine and the sun shrivelled it up immediately. To make

matters worse, a strong, desert wind arose and Jonah was about to have a heat stroke. His mental attitude made the situation almost unbearable. Again he pleads with God to just let him die.

A lesson writer compares Jonah to Elijah. Both were prophets of Israel and both sat alone under a plant and wished to die. But here the similarity ends. Elijah asks to die because the people refuse to repent. Jonah wanted to die because his preaching was successful in bringing the people to repentance. Elijah was distressed over his failure but Jonah's was caused by his success. The writer concluded that Jonah was suffering from the illusions of grandeur if he thought he was in the same class as Elijah.

Did Jonah repent from his hardheartedness? (Vv. 9-11)

In trying to turn the prophet around God applies logic to the situation. He had expended no labor to have his booth covered by the vine. He might have counted his blessing that he had a period of respite from the blazing sun. When it was gone he was no worse off than he had been before the vine appeared. His loss was not of anything he owned but of a "free gratis" gift that had been his to enjoy for a season.

Now God reminds him that he prized the transient plant that was here today and gone tomorrow. Couldn't the prophet understand the compassion the creator felt for the multitude of people who would live forever? The joy that God felt because they had been saved from destruction?

The number of infants who had been saved was 120,000 in the enormous city. Also, beasts in astronomical numbers were saved. Perhaps God mentions the infants and beasts who could not be held accountable for their actions.

The question is unanswered whether or not Jonah finally saw the light that had escaped him before under the booth on the hill. I believe that the inclusion of his narrative in the Scripture is evidence that he at last repented of his sinful, mean spirit. The book is a reminder to Jonahs of all time who prize personal possessions but fail to care for the welfare of immortal souls. It is wonderful to note that God did not give up on his ill-tempered prophet but continued to deal with him throughout his life.

No life meaningfully linked to God can be utterly cast down.